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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL MUSEUM EXHIBITION

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1. ADACHI NOT YET FULLY READY TO MAKE EXHIBITION COMMITMENTS. HE ASKS HIS APOLOGY BE PASSED TO SHERMAN LEE, TO WHOM HE PROMISED TO SEND INFORMATION BY END OF FEBRUARY. PROCESS OF FORMING CONCENSUS WITHIN GOJ WAS BEGUN BY ADACHI ONLY AFTER HIS RETURN TO JAPAN, IN MEETINGS WITH BUNKACHO COLLEAGUES, MUSEUM DIRECTORS, EDUCATION AND FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS. EXPECTS NEGOTIATIONS TO TAKE ABOUT TWO MORE WEEKS.

2. ADACHI POINTS OUT MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS HELDD THAT FOR EXHIBIT OF THIS NATURE U.S. SIDE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE MORE TO COST. ADACHI SAYS McDONALD INDICATED AT NEW YORK MEETING THAT STATE DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO SHARE LARGER PORTION OF COSTS.

3. BUNKACHO HAS SELECTED APPROXIMATELY 30 ITEMS FROM LEE'S LIST THEY WISH TO MAKE PRIORITY AND TEN NEW ITEMS THEY WISH TO ADD TO LIST.

4. BUNKACHO IS STILL PREPARING ANSWER TO LEE'S FEBRUARY 21 LETTER ABOUT SECURITY AND HUMIDITY CONTROLS.

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5. BECAUSE OF ABOVE REASONS ADACHI PREFERS THAT LEE NOT WRITE TO AMERICAN MUSEUMS YET. BUNKACHO DOES NOT WANT TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS PIECEMEAL AND HOPES LEE CAN WAIT UNTIL ALL PARTIES IN JAPAN HAVE AGREED TO EXHIBITIONPLAN, ALL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, QUESTION OF FINANCE IS RESOLVED, AND LIST OF ITEMS REQUESTED BY BUNKACHO CAN BE INCLUDED INLEE'S LIST BEFORE IT IS DISTRIBUTED.

6. FOR SAME REASONS, AND BECAUSE BUNKACHO IS CONCENTRATING ON OTHER BASIC QUESTIONS FIRST, NOT YET DECIDED ON JAPANES TITLE AND SUB-TITLE FOR EXHIBITION.

7. DATES OF EXHIBITION ARE TENTATIVELY SET FOR SEPTEMBER 14 TO OCTOBER 17 IN TOKYO AND NOVEMBER 2 TO DECEMBER 5 IN KYOTO. TOKYO SITE WILL BE MAIN BUILDING OF NATINAL MUSEUM, UENO, NOT MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART. KYOTO SITE WILL BE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

8. TO EXPEDITE INTERNAL GOJ DELIBERATIONS, REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION OF COSTS WHICH U.S. SIDE PREPARED TO COVER.
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